

THE FIRST BLOOD.

Gen. Komaroff Plants the Russian Flag in the Citadel of Penjdeh.

Four Thousand Saucy Afghans Driven Up the Mough Ab.

Clear Sailing on the Heri Hood to the Heart of Herat.

All England Excited and War Seems Certain.

A Financial Panic Prevailing in the London Market.

England Will Demand of Russia an Explanation.

Of Russian Conduct in Attacking the Afghans.

Coupled With a Demand That They Withdraw from Penjdeh at Once.

ANOTHER WAR CRY.

A RUSSIAN ROW WITH THE AFGHANS. ST. PETERSBURG, April 9.—The Official Messenger this morning publishes the following: "Gen. Komaroff reports that in consequence of hostile manifestations by the Afghans, he was compelled to attack them. The Afghans were posted upon both banks of the river Kushka in fortified positions. The fight occurred on the 30th of last month. The Afghan force consisted of 4,000 men with eight guns. They were defeated with a loss of 500 men. All artillery, two standard banners, the entire camp outfit, and all of the provisions of the Afghans were captured. The Russian loss was three subalterns, ten soldiers killed, and twenty-nine wounded.

When the fighting ended Komaroff returned across the river to the positions formerly occupied. Gen. Komaroff also reported that some British officers who had been eye witnesses, but not participants in the engagement, appealed to the Russians for protection when they saw the Afghans were beaten. But unfortunately, he says, a convoy which he sent immediately to the relief of these officers was unable to overtake the Afghan camp which he carried the British away with them in their flight.

A FINANCIAL COLLAPSE.

LONDON, April 9, 11:20.—There is a great depression in financial circles here this morning. It is but too evident that the leaders of the stock market are in a panic. The market closed last night at 97 7/16 for both money and account, opened this morning at 96 1/2. Russian securities are about as weak as they well can be, having declined three points since last night.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

Baron de Staal, Russian ambassador, believes the fighting in Afghanistan was even more serious than had been reported in the different press dispatches. M. Lasser, in an interview today, said the Afghans caused the fight through attacking a number of Russian pickets, and driving them from their posts. The Russians then retaliated, when a general engagement ensued.

ANOTHER BATTLE.

A dispatch to the Times from Gubran, dated April 23, states that the Russian making a party of changing the position of their outposts on the Afghan frontier, attacked Penjdeh on March 20th, and drove the Afghans out of their position. The Afghans stubbornly resisted the assault. The weather was wet at the time of the attack, which rendered the mule-loading guns of the Afghans useless. Two companies held the position against the Russians until the defenders were killed. The Afghans retreated to Merauchan in perfect order. The Russians made no pursuit. The Saraniks remain neutral and plundered the Afghan camp. The Russian losses are said to be great. British officers remained until the Afghans effected their retreat, when they joined the camp of Sir Peter Lumsden.

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THE BRITISH CABINET.

ALARMING TELEGRAMS ABOUT ONE AFGHAN FRONTIER.

LONDON, April 9.—It was ascertained this afternoon that to-day's session of the cabinet had not been called as it had been given out, merely to prepare for this evening's opening of parliament. The real purpose of the session was to discuss the alarming telegrams which were coming in from Sir Peter Lumsden. The first of these despatches was received yesterday, but, as it came in an incomplete state, it was not acted upon, although it was of an alarming nature. Action was postponed in order to get the full text of the telegram received. It was nothing but a Russian report from Pul-i-Khast made a severe attack on the Afghan outposts at Penjdeh, at this the most important point.

THE DESPATCH WAS BROKEN OFF

eventually through the cutting of the wires. It was decided that Sir Peter Lumsden had gone at once to Gubran for the purpose of remaining on guard at Robat Pass on the road to Herat, no doubt was entertained that between the time of the receipt of the broken despatch and to-day's developments, the government while believing that the Afghan defeat at Penjdeh was really less disastrous than reported, still considered the incident unless satisfactorily explained.

"A CASES BELL"

The cabinet also discussed the question of at once sending six iron-clad ships to Malta to the Dardanelles. There is great agitation

this evening in all the government departments. It is stated that

12,000 REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE AT ONCE sent to India. The first army reserve will probably be called out immediately. East of the daily Telegraph says Russia throughout has intended to give England trouble and put affronts upon her. Unless reparation is afforded, not by the help of golden bridges, but by force, with our distinct and stern demands, we will not permit India and ourselves, and wage such a war as will insure to India repose for half a century.

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CHINA DEFERS TO PEACE PLEDGES. PARIS, April 9.—Government advices from Peking state that the Chinese government adheres to the peace pledges signed on the 15th inst.

THE MAHDI PREPARING. DUNDON, April 9.—The mahdi has been severely defeated at El Obeid. He has made the announcement that he will not attack Dongola until after the fast of Ramadan, three months hence.

FRANKFORT-ON-THAINE, April 9.—The houses here at the close bordered on a state of panic.

VIENNA, April 9.—The houses here closed today. THE PRINCE OF WALES TAKES A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

DUBLIN, April 9.—The prince of Wales with his son, Prince Albert Victor and a small party of friends spent the afternoon in the vicinity of the docks of the city entering and leaving some of the worst dwellings. The prince freely denounced their broken floors and roofs and sanitary wants and said he hoped to see the duke of Devonshire and his family swept from the face of the earth. At the same time expressing sympathy with the occupants. Mobs of unclean and wild looking men, and the prince, continually surrounded the prince, and were engaged in a noisy and was greeted in return with loud cheers. He shook hands heartily with many of these nearest him and the old people in the crowd.

BOVAY, April 9.—A dispatch to the Gazette from Laval, France, says the conference between the duke of Devonshire and the Khan has resulted in the ameer strongly favoring an alliance with the British.

BREITENBURG, April 9.—The houses here were very weak all day. Sales were forced, and the additional statement that Sir Peter Lumsden's report of the incident might not interrupt negotiations.

OTTAWA, April 9.—It seems to be decided that the Halifax battalion will not be sent to the northwest. It is possible that orders to detach the Halifax battalion may be countermanded.

THE FEELING IN CHICAGO.

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THE TREASURY.

SECRETARY MANNING'S NEW PRACTICAL SYSTEM OF BOOK-KEEPING. Special Telegram to the Bee.

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CHICAGO'S ELECTION

The Televs, Sloggers and Thugs Cap the Climax by

Stealing the Third Precinct Third Ward Ballot Boxes,

Which Were Left in a Livery Stable Office

Locked Up for Safe Keeping for the Night.

A Saloon Keeper, Named Connelly, Implicated.

A Pane of Glass Broken Out of the Door and the Boxes Removed.

CHICAGO ELECTION. THE ROBBERY OF THE BALLOT-BOXES OF THE THIRD PRECINCT OF THE THIRD WARD.

CHICAGO, April 9.—The entire community is a-buzz to-day with indignation over the perpetration of an outrage which almost throws into the shade the exploits of Macdon, Gallagher & Co. It is not "one word" this time that the invaders of the ballot-box have resorted to. It is ruthlessly work of the boldest and most desperate kind, and yet thoroughly in keeping with other methods employed by the gang to retain their disgraceful ascendancy in the administration of municipal affairs. In the Third ward the contest between Drake and Fitzgerald had been a very bitter one, and in the Third precinct of the ward Drake's majority on the face of the returns was made out as 347 over and in the ward 1,039. The vote on the city ticket gave Smith a majority in the precinct of 963, and in the ward of 899. The ballot place of the Third precinct of the ward was held by the party of the judges of election for that district were Isaac Holman and Simon Quinlan republicans, W. G. Campbell and H. J. Anderson democrats. When the count was finished last night, Simon Quinlan, one of the judges, who was sick in bed, and by special request to which there was no objection, was called upon to narrate the proceedings.

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was undoubtedly a ballot box appeared and entered the coupe. He was driven to the corner of Halsted and Forty-first streets, where he entered a saloon and disappeared. No street have been one of the loss of the ballots will seriously effect the result on the mayoralty and South Chicago assessors.

WASHINGTON NEWS. BARROSO'S DEATH CONFIRMED. WASHINGTON, April 9.—Mr. Barroso, the Costa Rica minister, to-day received the following cable from President Salvador:

SANTA ANA, April 9, 1885.—We confirm a complete victory at Chalalupa, the death of Barrios and his son, Don Venancio. (Signed) DIVAR.

STUCK BY LIGHTNING. While a heavy storm was passing over the city yesterday afternoon the Washington monument was struck three times by lightning, without causing any damage.

THE UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA. WASHINGTON, April 9.—Senator Becerra, minister from the United States of Colombia to this government, has received an official despatch from his government, dated at Bogota, Sin, inst., stating that tranquility prevails throughout the republic except at Panama, Sabana and Santa Marta, which it says are in the hands of the rebels. The despatch also states that the government is organizing in the state of Cauca adjoining Panama, an expedition of 1,500 troops, which will be sent to Panama as soon as possible to suppress the rebels in that state.

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